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SUBJECT: REMARKS MPLA FOREIGN MINISTER AT LAGOS AIRPORT ON WAY
TO ADDIS

1. LEADING SEVEN MAN DELEGATION EN ROUTE TO OAU MINISTERIAL

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COUNCIL MEETING ON ANGOLA, MPLA FOREIGN MINISTER DOS-SANTOS

MADE BRIEF STOP AT IKEJA AIRPORT EVENING JANUARY 7. DOS-SANTOS TOLD RERTERS THAT MPLA HAS RULED OUT POSSIBILITY RECONCILIATION WITH OTHER TWO ANGOLAN PARTIES SINCE SUCH WOULD MEAN RECONCILIATION WITH ENEMY SOUTH AFRICAN HE ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING QTE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LISTED BY OTHER LIBERATION GROUPS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME (PRESUMABLY TO JOIN MPLA), BECAUSE AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE WE HAVE TO DEFEND THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE AS WELL AS THEIR LIBERTY. UNQTE.

2. ACCORDING TO DOS-SANTOS, MPLA PREFERRED PEACE TO WAR BUT LATTER COURSE BEING FORCED ON ANGOLAN PEOPLE BY INVADING FORCES OF UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA. MPLA HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO INTENSIFY STRUGGLE, FIGHTING ON UNTIL ENEMIES DEFEATED. DOS-SANTOS THANKED FMG FOR ITS FINANCIAL AND MORAL ASSISTANCE AND SAID MPLA WOULD CONTINUE TO COUNT UPON SUPPORT OF ALL AFRICAN STATES AND "PROGRESSIVES" THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN CONTINUING

STRUGGLE. RECOGNITION OF MPLA WAS ONLY JUSTIFIABLE DECISION OAU COULD TAKE FOR THAT BODY TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATES, TOTALLY LIBERATING AFRICAN TERRITORY. DOS-SANTOS SAID NETO WOULD ATTEND ADDIS HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT IF OAU RECOGNIZED MPLA AS GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA.
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